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Honorable Nancy Landon Kassebaum
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

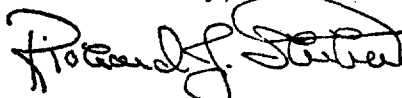
This is in reply to your letter of March 17, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
Private Radio Bureau

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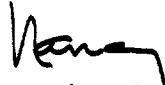
Office of Secretary Donna Searcy
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Secretary Searcy:

Re: PR Docket 92-235

Enclosed are letters I have received from constituents wishing to comment on the proposed revisions to the Private Land Mobile Radio Services (PR Docket 92-235). I respectfully ask that these letters be made a part of the record.

Warmest regards,



Nancy Landon Kassebaum
United States Senator

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The Honorable Nancy Kassebaum
155 N. Market
Wichita, Ks. 67202

I am a twelve year military pilot and I also am very involved two local clubs whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model aircraft.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

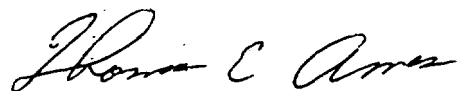
When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model aircraft have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build, but more to the point, they

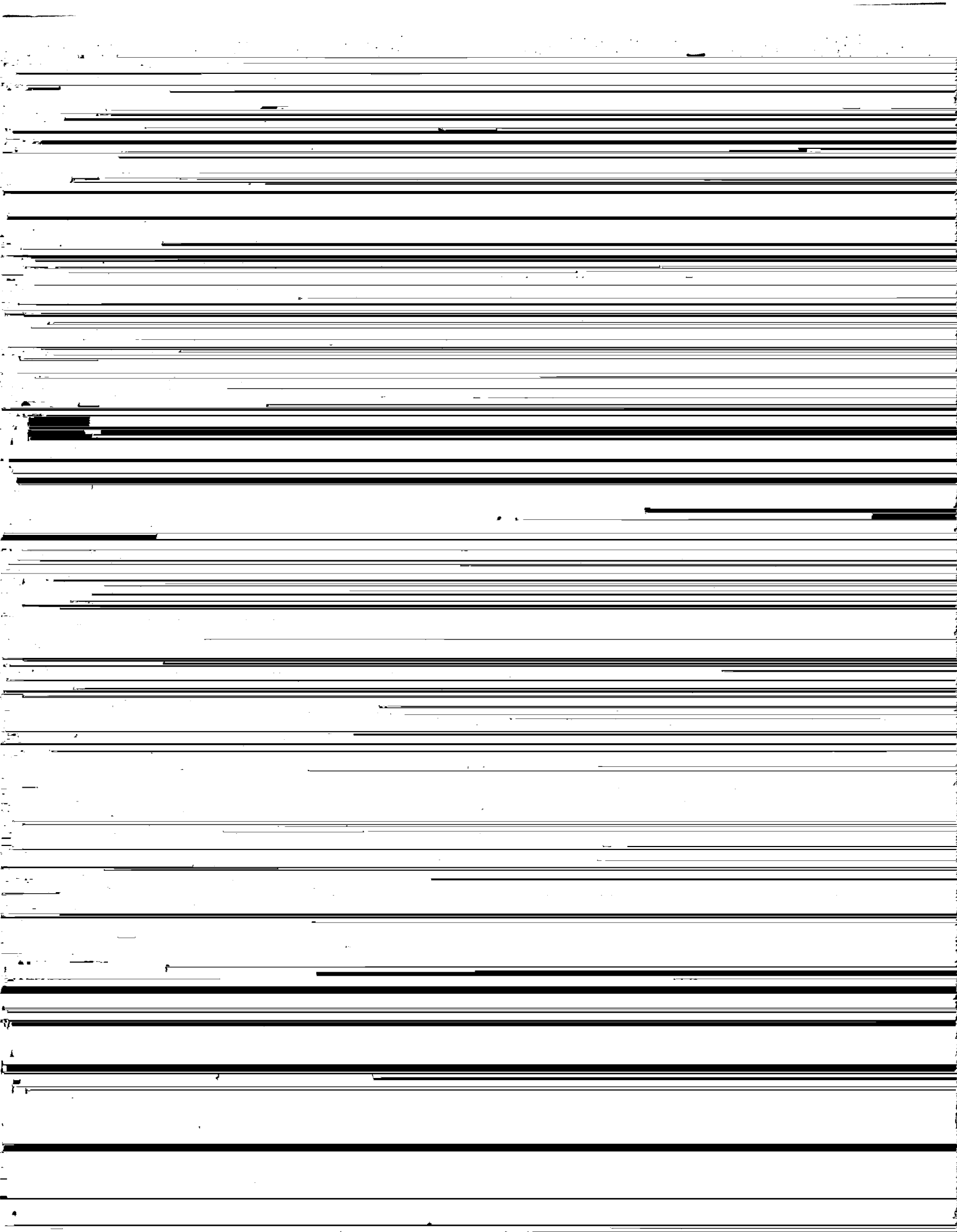
the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

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Tom & Virgie Ames
915 Toh-n-hah Ct.
Wichita, KS 67212



February, 1993

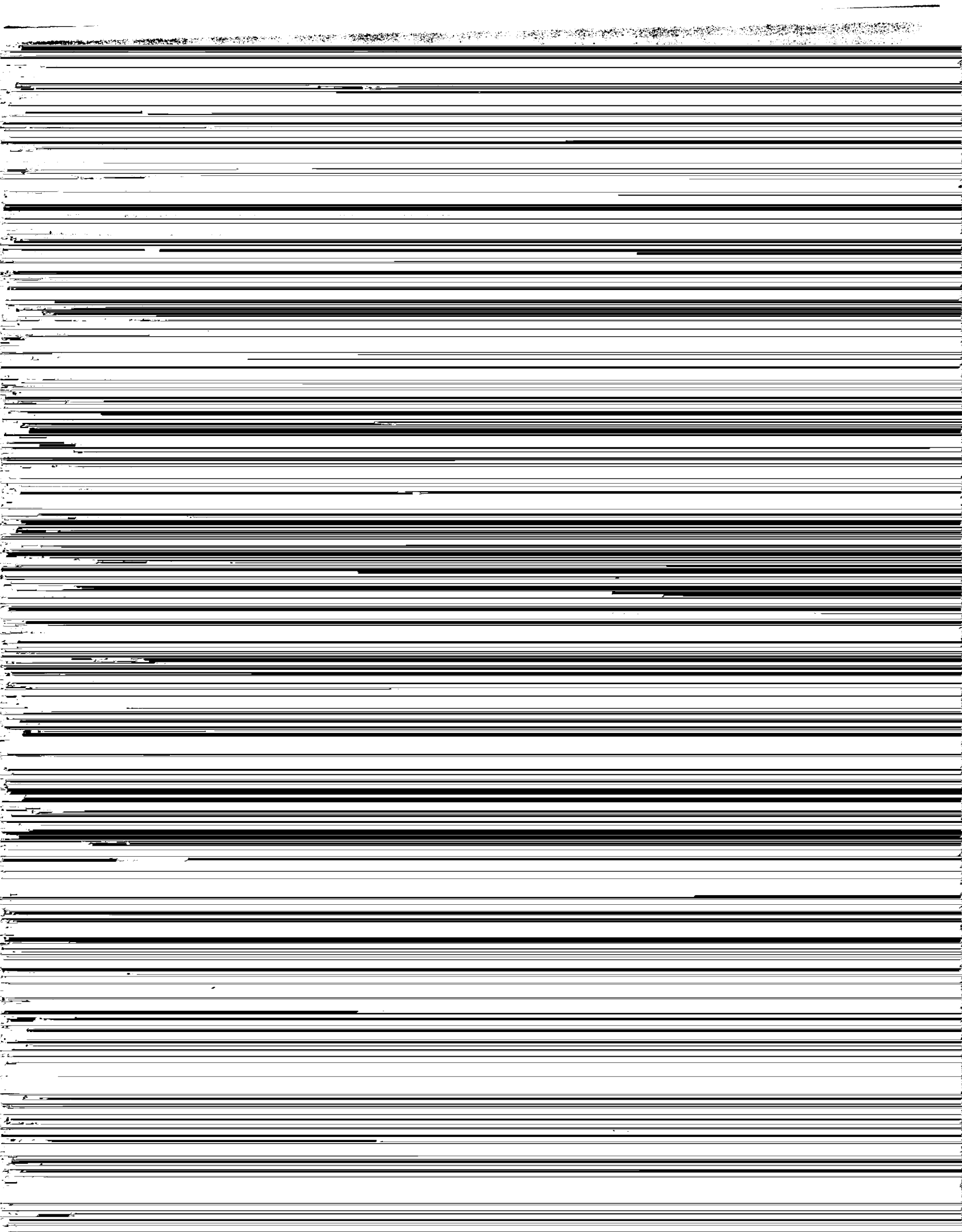
Honorable Nancy Kassebaum
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Darrell Gallagher
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Blue Rapids, KS.
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Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I am concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

The FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies presently used for radio control of model airplanes, only 10 frequencies will be



When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators, bystanders, and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the RC frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested; therefore, the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of the land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help all of us continue a safe and successful past-time by voting against the FCC's proposal concerning the 72-76 MHz band. Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chuck Hardman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chuck Hardman
President
Jayhawk Bowling Supply